

March 11, 2015

To Whom:

As Co-chair of Hartford's Advisory Commission on the Environment (ACOTE), I am deeply concerned about the environmental devastation caused by fossil fuels. Consequently, I am supplying this written statement for the record, as I cannot, unfortunately, be at the hearing on March 12.

I add my support for [H.B. 5733 - An Act Requiring the State Treasure to Divest Funds from Fossil Fuel Companies](#), which would help make CT the first US state to divest from funding oil, gas, and coal companies that profit from polluting our globe and changing our climate irreparably.

Of course, CT taxpayers' money should be invested in ways that serve our best interest with regard to our health and the health of our CT environment. In addition, the transition to solar and wind energy sources continues to outpace other technologies; as such, this makes for sound investment.

As we know that financial divestment has been a powerful tool for other socio-political movements and causes, and we see that US cities like San Francisco and Seattle are setting the example for states to join, I strongly urge the state legislators to pass H.B. 5733, so that CT can help lead the way into a sustainable future for our children, away from deadly reliance on fossil fuels.

- Sincerely,

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